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SURVEY OF MANUSCRIPTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey and public awareness programme of the manuscripts is being run under the joint auspices of the Union Government and State Govt. of Rajasthan Archives;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose of the above mentioned programme;

(d) whether the special amount has been sanctioned for the same;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the collected manuscripts would be published; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMAT! AMBIKA SONI) :

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A National Survey of Manuscripts in the State of Rajasthan, alongwith a series of public awareness programmes, is being undertaken under joint auspices of National Manuscripts Mission under Ministry of Culture and Rajasthan State Archives. This survey which is being conducted in each of 32 districts of the State, aims at locating the manuscript collections in the State, both in institutional and private holdings. The Director, Rajasthan State Archives, is the State coordinator in respect of the Survey of manuscripts in the State of Rajasthan.

(d) and (e) An allocation of Rs. 30.13 lakh has been made for the survey of manuscripts in Rajasthan out of which, Rs. 15.07 lakh has been released.

(f) and (g) Manuscripts are not being collected under the National Survey. The survey aims at locating the manuscript repositories in the State and documenting and cataloguing them. At present, there is no proposal to publish the manuscripts located in the Survey.